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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FROM THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION

CONCERNING

THE EXPORT OF POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE ARTERIAL GRAFTS

TO HUNGARY (AE-6)

1. The United States authorities request the views of other Member Countries on a proposal to export to Hungary for medical use 53 assorted woven arterial grafts made from Polytetrafluoroethylene (Teflon), valued at \$1,260.09.

2. These grafts would be sent to METHIMPEX, Hungarian Trading Company for Instruments, Budapest, for resale to clinics and hospitals in Hungary for use in vascular surgery and as surgical prostheses in replacement of arteries, etc., in surgical treatment of cardiac and circulatory disease.

3. It is noted that the high cost of the grafts per pound as compared with the cost of ordinary Teflon tubing makes it extremely unlikely that any attempt would be made to rework the grafts into forms of a strategic nature.

4. This exception request is submitted in accordance with the de minimis procedure (COCOM Document 3620, para 12(b) and para 15(b)).

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